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# Lowry will 'pursue' chemical dump

The office of Representative Mike Lowry, Seattle Democrat, plans this week to "actively pursue" the site and contents of an abandoned chemical-waste dump somewhere in South Seattle, Duff Wilson, a Lowry aide, said yesterday.

The site contains unknown chemical wastes that are "potentially" hazardous but no cause for alarm, Wilson said.

The dump site and five others in King County showed up last week among 3,383 waste-disposal sites listed by a congressional subcommittee which said hazardous-waste disposal could become a major environmental-health issue of the 1980s.

The list said the landfill contains 200 tons of chemicals and is within the postal Zip Code area 98108, which includes the industrial area around The Boeing Co. The size of the site and its use were not disclosed by the subcommittee.

Wilson said the subcommittee will decide this week whether it will release the name of the chemical company that reported the site's existence.

The other King County sites on the list are all in Kent, Wilson said. The Seattle site and one of those in Kent which is active now "include heavy metals and trace metals which are potentially toxic," he said.

"It's not cause to hit the panic button or to be alarmed, because we don't have enough information about it," Wilson said.

In all, 47 chemical-waste sites in Washington State turned up on the list, 17 of them in Tacoma.

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